

in a doleful strain, accompanied by a chorus from the seamen, They were evidently making merry on Good Friday.”

“Oh! would I were a cook again²²

In the Ahuriri where one can please

Where all I ever heard of pain

Was indigestion caused by cheese, – Was indigestion etc. etc.

When every plate I dished up then

Was sure to gain enconiums warm

Oh would that I could know again

The happy days of the Reform, Oh, oh, would I were etc. etc. etc.

T’is vain to mourn I should have flown

To Wairarapa there to stay

Or murmur that mine hands have known

The burden of ten meals per day! – The burden etc. etc.

But still my heart doth fondly cling

To scenes no longer prized as truth

And memory still delights to bring

The happy visions of my youth.

Oh Would I were a Cook again!

etc. etc. etc.

[To be continued]

NOTES

¹ Serle, G. *The golden age*, 1966, pp 25–6 and frontispiece drawing.

² Anderson, R. S. *Autobiography*, 16 December 1851.

³ *Ibid*, 30 June 1852.

⁴ *Ibid*.

⁵ See Serle, *op. cit.*, pp 157–60 for the background to the crisis and the resulting measures.

⁶ The *New Zealand Spectator and Cooks Strait Guardian*, 8 March 1856 records the arrival of the schooner *Ariel*, 150 tons, from Melbourne but as is frequently the case, there is no passenger list.

⁷ The electoral roll for Wellington Country Districts 1856–7 in *Wellington Provincial Gazette* 15 July 1856 (p 83) records both William Barnes and William Barnes junr, farmers of Park Vale, Karori.

⁸ The diary kept by J. G. Anderson during his voyage to Australia in 1853 forms part of the collection but the entries were not maintained after his arrival.

⁹ The *Martha*, schooner, 99 tons, arrived on 8 July 1857 (*Daily Southern Cross* 8 September 1857). The listed passengers include both Messrs ‘J. Anderson [and] G. Anderson’.

¹⁰ Death Certificate, Registrar-General’s Office.

¹¹ Stevens & Bartholomew’s *New Zealand Directory*, 1866–7.